



MEETING MINTUES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meeting

September 9, 2008

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Vice Chairperson, Supervisor Bill Reid
(Supervisor Bauer arrives at 9:15 a.m.)

Pledge of Allegiance led by County Clerk, Lynda Roberts

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Hunt: Invites all to Rotary Club 9/11 recognition luncheon – color guard to open meeting and honor all public safety agencies that help keep us safe; Bar-b-que – everyone invited.

Farnetti: Met with Supervisor Reid and Public Works regarding Franchise Agreement of D & S Disposal and some of their concerns– will meet again October;

Negotiations; LTC meeting report from Bicycle community re Fall ride; - tentative meeting Oct. 8 re High Point Curve; ESTA gave report;

Hazard: RPAC meeting in Benton: Asked CAO to follow up re letter sent out of Bishop to Tri-Valley area indicating anyone that was receiving mail outside of P.O. begin using their street address and the Bishop zip code; people have a problem with this; a lot of issues with change of zip code; Asked CAO to get background info Office hours in Chalfant – approached re vandalism throughout the area-a lot of places affected; some speculation that one or another group that is politically motivated is responsible – should not speculate until law enforcement has a chance to investigate; will be gone next week on vacation. Tomorrow 10:00 a.m. Sierra Center Mall hearing with Verizon re underground issue.

Reid: Sept. 2 met with representatives of Cougar Gold – they are in attendance today; met with Public Works and D&S Disposal re concerns – another meeting in October; LTC meeting- High Point Meeting (Topaz) will be a huge project, Cal Trans have revisited this project so that it will not have such a negative on the Walker/Coleville Community;

Recess: 10:00 a.m.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 1) CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (David Wilbrecht)
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.
Management meeting – general review committee moving forward regarding agenda software;
Follow up with Public Works re budget as with all department heads; IMAAA meeting in Walker today; Housing Authority today; working on agenda next week –

Suggested items for adjourned meeting in Walker:

- *Overview of condition survey for Walker Facilities;
- *Walking tour of Auchoberry Pit – public works could conduct tour.
- *Go through the Capital Improvement projects that relate to Walker community.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
No Minutes to Approve

Supervisor Bauer enters closed session at 9:15 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Enter 9:10 a.m. Exit 9:17 a.m.

Break: 9:17 – 9:20 a.m.

Meeting Reconvened by Chairperson Vikki Bauer at 9:20 a.m.

Urgency Item: Congressman McKeon aide called to report there is a speaker spot to testify on Wilderness Issue: Supervisor Bauer requests that she be allowed to attend and testify at a cost of approximately \$1,200 to \$1,500.

M08-179 **ACTION: Board determines that there is a need to take immediate action with respect to funding travel expenses for Supervisor Bauer to travel to Washington, D.C. to testify regarding Board's position on Wilderness Issue, and that the need for action came to the County's attention subsequent to the agenda being posted and therefore, Board adds this item to the agenda.**

Hunt/Farnetti 5-0

Discussion by Board in absence of Supervisor Bauer.

Supervisor Reid calls for discussion as Vice Chairman. Board would like to know what would be discussed; want thrust of testimony to be in support of issue. Concerned that questions might be directed at Bauer that she would not know answers to; Board wants Supervisor Bauer to attend but wants their position on issues to be made perfectly clear; There is a lot of confusion within the contingency that is in Washington, D.C.; The original plan was for Hunt and Hazard to go – but neither one of them can go this week; Reid states that there is a lot of “tinkering” done at the hearings; Cannot allow any changes/deals made without full approval of Board; Supervisor Bauer returns to meeting and joins in discussion so that supervisors may voice their concerns. Supervisor Bauer is advised to focus only on things the Board has supported and represent where Board was in August 2008 when they made their decision. Board wants Bauer to be very firm and stick to the Board's decision. Bauer should be aware of other Mono/Inyo advocates that may try to “tinker” with Bill. Bauer will be representing all five Board members and the letter of approval they signed.

M08-180 **ACTION: Allow Chairperson, Supervisor Vikki Bauer to attend Wilderness Hearing in Washington, D.C.**

Hunt/Farnetti 4-0 Abstain: Bauer

Supervisor Bauer leaves meeting at 9:45 a.m. to catch plane for trip to Washington, D.C.

Supervisor Reid continues meeting as vice-chairman.

COUNTY COUNSEL

3a) Conference with Legal Counsel - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to

subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9. Facts and circumstances:
Claim filed by Kris Miranda.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- 4a) Labor Negotiations - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS.
Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s):
David Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Brian Muir, Robert Garret. Employee
Organization(s): Operating Engineers, Local 39, representing the Mono County
Public Employees (MCPE) bargaining unit.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

Ralph Obenberger, Lt. Sheriff's Department Rapid Response training at schools – how law enforcement would react to school shootings; Past summer have had several air flights assist in searching for possible marijuana fields – found one 4600 plants worth \$29 million – caught one suspect and destroyed the marijuana field. Assisted by helicopters. Comments on vandalism in county – investigators from Mono are going to Inyo to interview person in custody and discuss with Inyo Officers.

Evan Nikirk, Director Public Works: passes out paperwork that reflects last weeks action.

CONSENT AGENDA

CLERK OF THE BOARD

Additional Departments: Supervisor Farnetti

- 5a) Resolution Recognizing Credit Unions - Proposed Resolution of the Board of Supervisors Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Credit Unions in the United States and International Credit Union Day.

M08-181 Action: Approve and adopt proposed resolution.
Hunt/Hazard 4-0 Absent: Bauer

REGULAR AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are available for review and are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board

CLERK-RECORDER

- 6a) Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act - Public comments addressed to the Mono County Board of Supervisors regarding the Eastern Sierra and San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act.

- 6b) Email Letter from Allan Fishbein - Email letter from Allan Fishbein addressed to the Mono County Board of Supervisors regarding historic Mono County Courthouse cannon.
Supervisor Reid requests discussion – re old cannon on Courthouse lawn. Request that Public Works take a look at the cannon and try to preserve and repair any damage.
- 6c) Letter from California Highway Patrol - Letter from R. K. DiFronzo, Lieutenant, Department of California Highway Patrol, addressed to the County of Mono Board of Supervisors regarding a report about the accidental discharge (or threatened illegal discharge) of hazardous waste.

COUNTY COUNSEL

- 7a) Claim (**Marshall Rudolph**) - Claim filed on or about July 24, 2008, by Kris Miranda et al.
- M08-182** **Action:** Reject claim in its entirety. Direct County Counsel to notify Claimant(s) of the Board's action.
Hazard/Hunt 4-0 Absent: Bauer

CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 8a) Board Meeting scheduled for November 11, 2008 (**Lynda Roberts**) - The second board meeting in the month of November (Tuesday, November 11th) falls on a holiday (Veteran's Day), which means the meeting would be held the next day (the 12th). If the Board does not want to hold the meeting that day, then its only alternative is to cancel the meeting and/or hold a special meeting on another day during the second week of November.
Discussion re date of meeting. Supervisor Reid states he will most likely not be at the meeting; ; Supervisor Hunt will also be out of town; tentatively leave meeting on 12th and see how heavy the agenda is. Agenda preparation starts during 1st and 2nd week of October. - will discuss this again in early October. Hazard feels that meeting should be held. Unless agenda items dictate otherwise. Tentative schedule will be to hold regular meeting on November 12, 2008 due to holiday on November 11, 2008

10:20 a.m. ADJOURNMENT

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